

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS

1 1. A communication device comprising:
2 a communication device body adapted for a first mode of operation;
3 a display screen disposed in a generally parallel relationship with the device body in
4 said first mode of operation; and
5 pivoting means disposed between said display screen and said device body for
6 permitting said display screen to pivot into a position generally orthogonal to said device
7 body for a second mode of operation.

1 2. The device of claim 1, wherein said second mode of operation comprises
2 gaming and said device further comprises a gaming pad disposed on the communication
3 device body and beneath the display screen.

4 3. The device of claim 2, wherein the gaming pad is hidden when the
5 communication device is in the first mode of operation and the gaming pad is visible when
6 the communication device is in the second mode of operation.

1 4. The device of claim 2, wherein the gaming pad is actuated during the second
2 mode of operation.

1 5. The device of claim 2, wherein the gaming pad comprises directional arrows.

1 6. The device of claim 2, wherein the gaming pad comprises a plurality of
2 buttons.

1 7. The device of claim 6, wherein at least one of the plurality of buttons is a
2 pause button.

1 8. The device of claim 2, wherein the gaming pad comprises a joystick.

1 9. The device of claim 1, wherein the pivoting means comprises a hinge.

1 10. The device of claim 1, further comprising a key array, the key array including
2 a plurality of keys.

1 11. The device of claim 10, wherein at least one of the plurality of keys is
2 actuated during the second mode of operation.

1 12. The device of claim 11, wherein the at least one of the plurality of keys
2 actuated during the second mode of operation includes an additional indicia.

1 13. The device of claim 1, wherein the pivoting means is oriented as a protrusion
2 for sliding in a track.

1 14. A method of operating a communication device in a first mode and a second
2 mode, the method comprising the steps of:
3 rotating a pivotal upper portion of the communication device into the second mode;
4 actuating specific keys of the communication device for receiving user input; and
5 rotating the pivotal upper portion into the first mode to end the second mode.

1 15. The method of claim 14 wherein the first mode of operation is
2 telecommunication and the method further comprises the steps of:
3 determining whether the communication device is receiving an incoming call; and
4 alerting a user of the incoming call.

1 16. The method of claim 15, wherein the step of alerting the user comprises the
2 steps of:
3 alerting the user via at least one of an audio, visual, and tactile alert; and
4 pausing the second mode.

1 17. The method of claim 16, wherein if the user determines not to answer the
2 incoming call, then the second mode is unpaused.

1 18. The method of claim 14, further comprising the step of answering the
2 incoming call by rotating the pivotal upper portion into the first mode.

1 19. The method of claim 14, wherein the step of actuating specific keys comprises
2 the steps of:

3 actuating a gaming pad; and
4 actuating at least one key in a key array.

1 20. The method of claim 14, further comprising the step of actuating a second
2 mode application by rotating the pivotal upper portion of the communication device.

1 21. The method of claim 14, wherein the second mode is a gaming mode.

1 22. The method of claim 14, wherein the second mode is a messaging mode.

1 23. A communication device comprising:
2 a communication device body in a first position adapted for a first mode of operation;
3 a display screen disposed in a generally parallel relationship with the device body in
4 said first mode of operation;

5 pivoting means disposed between said display screen and said device body for
6 permitting said display screen to pivot into a second position for a second mode of operation;
7 and

8 wherein in the first mode of operation, keys of the communication device are located
9 on one side of the display screen and in the second mode of operation, keys of the
10 communication device are located on at least two sides of the display screen.

1 24. The communication device of claim 23, wherein the first mode is a
2 communication mode.

1 25. The communication device of claim 23, wherein the second mode is a gaming
2 mode.

1 26. The communication device of claim 23, wherein the second mode is a
2 messaging mode.

1 27. The communication device of claim 23, further comprising a gaming pad
2 disposed on the communication device body and beneath the display screen.

1 28. The communication device of claim 27, wherein the gaming pad is hidden
2 when the communication device is in the first mode of operation and the gaming pad is
3 visible when the communication device is in the second mode of operation.

1 29. A communication device comprising:
2 a communication device body in a first position adapted for a first mode of operation;
3 a display screen disposed in a generally parallel relationship with the device body in
4 said first mode of operation;
5 pivoting means disposed between said display screen and said device body for
6 permitting said display screen to pivot into a second position for a second mode of operation;
7 and
8 wherein in the first mode of operation, the communication device is operable by one
9 hand of a user and in the second mode of operation, the communication device is operable by
10 two hands of a user.

1 30. The communication device of claim 29, wherein the first mode is a
2 communication mode.

1 31. The communication device of claim 29, wherein the second mode is a gaming
2 mode.

1 32. The communication device of claim 29, wherein the second mode is a
2 messaging mode.

1 33. The communication device of claim 29, further comprising a gaming pad
2 disposed on the communication device body and beneath the display screen.

1 34. The communication device of claim 33, wherein the gaming pad is hidden
2 when the communication device is in the first mode of operation and the gaming pad is
3 visible when the communication device is in the second mode of operation.